

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

*In the paragraphs starting on page 1, line 25 and ending on page 2, line 19:*

In a first aspect the present invention may broadly be said to consist in a cooktop including at least one status indicator for heating means beneath region on a substantially colourless and transparent ceramic glass surface cook top with an opaque layer on sections of the underside thereof and a status indicator, said status indicator comprising:

indication means positioned directly underneath and proximate to said surface cook top proximate to said heating region wherein a portion of said opaque layer is not present directly above said indication means, has been removed thereby allowing said indication means to be visible directly above said cook top, and

a control means configured to determine ~~control means which determines~~ the surface temperature of said surface cook top above said heating means region and energise ~~energises~~ said indication means when said surface above said heating means is above ~~of said cook top~~ reaches a predetermined temperature and de-energises said indication means when said surface above said heating means is of said cook top falls below said predetermined temperature.

Preferably said control means comprises an electric circuit fed from a transformer less supply.

Preferably the colour emitted by said indication means is dependent on whether said heating means region is energised.

Preferably said indication means is at least one light ~~a light~~ emitting diode.

Preferably said control means includes heat sensing means positioned in close proximity to said heating means of said heating region, the electrical characteristics ~~characteristic~~ of which are temperature dependent.

Preferably said heat sensing means is a bimetallic switch.

Alternatively said heating sensing means is a thermistor.

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In a further alternative said heating sensing means is a positive temperature coefficient paste coated on the underside of said ~~cook top~~ surface or said opaque layer.

Preferably said predetermined temperature is the maximum temperature for which human skin can safely be exposed to.

Preferably said maximum ~~predetermined~~ temperature is 50°C.

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